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possibilities interesting. He is a fine citizen, and devotes much of his time to unpaid civic activities.

I went directly from there to the garden party at Lancaster House, where the Queen Mother received Commonwealth and American Exchange Teachers. E could not attend, as she was visiting a polio camp in Hampshire. The Queen Mother was in her usual charming mood. Her cheerfulness and tact never seem to fail.

Dined late with Gene Black, who is leaving us tomorrow to return home. He thinks he has induced John Gielgud and Vanessa Redgrave to play Shakespeare in his pet Connecticut theater. He does not yet know who will replace him at the bank.

The New York Times stated this morning rather authoritatively that Chip Bohlen will be going as Ambassador to Paris this autumn, and Foy Kohler to Moscow. I suspect this is true, since Dean Rusk told me of it confidentially a few days ago. What is confidential in the American Government is a never-ending mystery to me. Newspaper reporters seem to become almost immediately aware of any White House decision.

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June 30, 1962 - Saturday

E and I took a morning train to Chippenham, then motored six miles to Bowood, the Lansdowne house in Wiltshire. George Lansdowne was away for the day, engaged in making four political speeches. We lunched with Barbara Lansdowne, Gavin and Lady Irene Astor, Mrs. Lyle, and others. Most of them had been swimming this morning in a pool recently constructed in one of the gardens. The original house, designed by Robert Adam, is a masterpiece inside and out. The present owner tore down, for purposes of economy, a considerable portion of it. It has interior courtyards and considerable numbers of fine paintings and Greco-Roman statuary, but it is the park, laid out by Capability Brown, that gives it its greatest

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